

In the Claims

For the convenience of the Examiner, all pending claims of the present Application are shown below.

1. **(Previously presented)** A method of wagering on horse races in an event having races, the method comprising:

predetermining a quantity of the event's races to be included in a wager;

allowing a player to choose a plurality of the event's races to be included in the wager, wherein the player is required to choose a number of chosen races equal to the predetermined quantity of the event's races;

allowing the player to select a winner for each of the chosen races, the selected winners included in the wager; and

paying the player if a predetermined number of the selected winners win corresponding chosen races.

2. **(Previously presented)** The method of wagering on horse races of Claim 1 wherein the predetermined quantity of the event's races included in the wager is less than a total number of races in the event.

3. **(Previously presented)** The method of wagering on horse races of Claim 1 wherein the predetermined quantity of the event's races is five.

4. **(Previously presented)** The method of wagering on horse races of Claim 1 wherein paying the player if the predetermined number of selected winners win corresponding chosen races comprises paying the player if all of the selected winners win corresponding chosen races.

5. **(Previously presented)** The method of wagering on horse races of Claim 1 wherein the predetermined number of selected winners is less than a total number of winners for the chosen races.

6. **(Previously presented)** A method of wagering on horse races in an event having a plurality of races, the method comprising:

receiving information specifying a predetermined number of event races to be included in a wager;

selecting event races to be included in the wager, the number of selected races equal to the predetermined number of event races;

selecting a winner for each of the selected races in the wager; and

receiving a payout if a predetermined number of selected winners win corresponding chosen races.

7. **(Previously presented)** The method of wagering on horse races of Claim 6 wherein the selected races are not run consecutively.

8. **(Previously presented)** The method of wagering on horse races of Claim 6 wherein the wager is for at least one dollar.

9. **(Currently amended)** A computer assisted method for administering betting on a plurality of races within a racing event using a computer for assistance, comprising:

publishing race information associated with the racing event to a plurality of players for use in wagers a-wager;

establishing a predetermined quantity of the event races to be included in wagers the wager;

receiving a first selection of a subset of the plurality of races within the racing event from each of the plurality of players, the number of races in the first selection corresponding to the predetermined quantity ~~in the wager~~;

receiving ~~from each of the plurality of players~~ a second selection of predicted winners from each of the plurality of players, each of the predicted winners corresponding to at least one of the races in the first selection, the first and second selections of each player included in a wager corresponding to that player ~~the wager~~;

receiving from each of the plurality of players a bet associated with the wager corresponding to that player ~~each of the wagers~~;

pooling at least a portion of each bet to form a pool;

receiving results from each race within the racing event;

identifying a set of winning players from the plurality of players by determining which of one or more players of the plurality of players correctly selected each predicted winner in the second selection for each race within the first selection; and

sending at least a portion of the pool to one or more identified winning players.

10. **(Previously presented)** The computer assisted method of Claim 9 wherein the first selection of the subset of the plurality of races and the second selection of predicted winners for each race in the second selection is associated with a game card.

11. **(Previously presented)** The computer assisted method of Claim 10 wherein data on the game card is transferred to the computer.

12. **(Previously presented)** The computer assisted method of Claim 9 wherein results from each race within the racing event are input into the computer.

13. **(Previously presented)** The computer assisted method of claim 9 wherein for at least one player of the plurality of players the first selection of races is a subset of nonconsecutive races.

14. **(Previously presented)** A wager in an event having races, the wager comprising a bet that a particular entry selected by a bettor in each of a plurality of the races will be a winning entry, wherein the plurality of races comprise a predetermined number of races that are selected by the bettor.

15. **(Previously presented)** A method of accepting bets on an event having a plurality of event contests, the method comprising:

selecting a predetermined quantity of the event contests for a wager;

receiving from a user a selection of event contests, from among the plurality of event contests, to be included in the wager, the number of selected event contests corresponding to the predetermined quantity of event contests; and

receiving from the user a selection of contestants corresponding to each of the selected event contests.

16. **(Previously presented)** The method of Claim 15 further comprising receiving from the user a bet on the selected contestants.

17. **(Previously presented)** The method of Claim 15 further comprising paying the user if a predetermined number of the selected contestants wins a corresponding selected event contest.

18. **(Canceled)**

19. **(Canceled)**

20. **(Canceled)**

21. **(Canceled)**

22. **(Previously presented)** The method of Claim 15 wherein the predetermined quantity is less than a total number of contests in the event.

23. **(Previously presented)** The method of Claim 15 further comprising paying the user if a preselected quantity of the selected contestants wins a corresponding selected event contest.

24. **(Previously presented)** The method of Claim 15 further comprising paying the user if at least one of the selected contestants places in a corresponding selected event contest.

25. **(Previously presented)** A system for betting on an event having a plurality of event contests, comprising:

a processor operable to determine a predetermined quantity of the event contests for a wager; and

an interface coupled to the processor and operable to:

receive from a user a selection of event contests, from among the plurality of event contests, to be included in the wager, the number of selected event contests corresponding to the predetermined quantity of event contests;

receive from the user a selection of contestants corresponding to each of the selected event contests; and wherein the processor is further operable to determine, based on whether a predetermined number of selected contestants won the corresponding selected event contests, if the user is a winner.

26. **(Previously presented)** The system of Claim 25, the interface further operable to receive from the user a bet on the selected contestants.

27. **(Currently amended)** Logic embodied in a computer readable medium, the computer readable medium comprising code operable to:

select a predetermined quantity of the event contests for a wager;

receive from a user a selection of event contests, from among the plurality of event contests, to be included in the wager, the number of selected event contests corresponding to the predetermined quantity of event contests; and

receive from the user a selection of contestants corresponding to each of the selected event contests; and

determine, based on whether a predetermined number of selected contestants won the corresponding selected event contests, if the user is a ~~winner~~: winner.

28. **(Previously presented)** The logic of Claim 27, computer readable medium comprising code further operable to receive from the user a bet on the selected contestants.

29. **(Previously presented)** The method of wagering on horse races of Claim 6 further comprising placing a bet on the selected winners.

30. **(New)** A method for receiving bets on an event having a plurality of event contests, comprising:

predetermining a quantity of event contests for a betting pool;

receiving a first wager associated with a first player, wherein the first wager identifies a first plurality of event contests selected by the first player, a winner for each of the first plurality of event contests, and a first wager amount, wherein a number of event contests in the first plurality is equal to the predetermined quantity;

receiving a second wager associated with a second player, wherein the second wager identifies a second plurality of event contests selected by the second player, a winner for each of the second plurality of event contests, and a second wager amount, wherein a number of event contests in the second plurality is equal to the predetermined quantity;

adding the first wager amount and the second wager amount to the betting pool; and

determining at least one winning player, wherein each winning player is associated with a wager that correctly identifies a winner for each of the event contests selected by that player.

31. **(New)** The method of Claim 30, wherein at least one of the event contests selected by the first player is not included in the plurality of event contests selected by the second player.

32. **(New)** The method of Claim 30, wherein the event contests in the first plurality of event contests comprise non-consecutive event contests within the event.

33. **(New)** The method of Claim 30, further comprising receiving a third wager associated with a third player after an event contest in one of the first plurality of event contests and the second plurality of event contests has begun, wherein the third wager identifies a third plurality of event contests selected by the third player, a winner for each of the third plurality of event contests, and a third wager amount, wherein a number of event contests in the third plurality is equal to the predetermined quantity.

34. (New) The method of Claim 30, further comprising calculating a payout amount for the at least one winning player based on a total of the betting pool.

35. (New) The method of Claim 34, further comprising initiating a payout of the payout amount to the at least one winning player.